**How To Write a Peer Response**

1. Does the introduction compel you to read further? If so, how? If not, make a specific suggestion for improvement.

2. Identify the lead sentence (or suggest one). Is the lead sentence something that will be argued or demonstrated? Make explicit suggestions for improvement, as necessary, or comment on the strengths of the thesis.

3. Evaluate the introduction. It should be relevant and focused, and it should let you know what the paper topic is and what sort of audience is being targeted. Does the opening sentence catch your attention? If not, what suggestions can you make?

4. Think about at least one body paragraph in terms of its development. What function does the paragraph serve? (Does it introduce a topic, expand on a topic, make an exception, support an argument, etc.?) If the paragraph lacks development, what exactly is needed? Examples: more details…describe what details are needed or details that you would have like to know that was left out.

5. Think about transitions while you listen to the paper read aloud. Do you hear effective transitions between sentences and paragraphs? Does the author move you smoothly from one idea to the next? Comment on an especially effective transition. Point out a spot where a transition is needed (In paragraph 2).

6. Evaluate the conclusion. Is it focused and relevant? Will it leave the targeted reader with a sense of closure? If not, what suggestions can you make for improvement?

7. What does the author do to come across as reliable? Identify grammatical or other problems that make reading difficult or that undermine the author’s credibility. Think about how the author’s use of sources contributes to credibility. Ex. Misspelled words, period missing, sentence fluency, etc.

8. Does the writer use good ideas?

9. Is the writing organized?

10. Does the writing contain voice?